Note, Government have now formulated the following revised guidelines:—

(i) New Sugar factories will continue to be licensed for a minimum economic capacity of 2500 tonnes cane crushed per day (TCD). There will not be any maximum limit on such capacity.

(ii) Preference in licensing would be given to the proposals involving larger capacity, modern technology and development of integrated complexes producing value added products and co-generation of power.

(iii) For the consideration of application, a revenue district will be taken as the unit. In case more than one application is received for any unit of operation, other things being equal, priority will be given to the application received earlier.

(iv) Licences for new sugar factories will be issued subject to the condition that the distance between the proposed new sugar factory and an existing/already licensed sugar factory should be not less than 15 kilometres.

(v) The basic criterion for grant of licences for new sugar units would be cane availability or the potential for the development of sugarcane or both.

(vi) Other things being equal, preference in licensing will be given to the proposals from the Growers' Cooperative Societies. However, industrial licence issued to such a cooperative cannot be transferred to any other entity.

(vii) All applications for expansion of the existing factories will be cleared automatically.

(viii) Applications for grant of industrial licences for the establishment of new sugar factories as well as expansion of existing units should be submitted to the Secretariat for Industrial Assistance (SIA) in the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Minsitry of Industry, New Delhi in Form II, along with the prescribed fee of Rs. 2500/-. The applications received for grant of licences would be referred by SIA to the Department of Food and the concerned State Governments/UTs for their comments. If no comments are received from either Department of Food or the concerned State Governments/UTs within one month after their comments are asked for, it shall be deemed that they have no comments to offer. The Licensing Committee would thereafter consider the application for industrial licence and make appropriate recommendations.

B. The procedure and guidelines, as given above, are brought to the notice of the entrepreneurs for their information and guidance.

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Joint Secretary to the Government of India

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New Steel Plants in Orissa

*37. SHRIMATI JAYANT PATNAIK: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new steel plants coming up in Orissa and the total capacity being so created;

(b) the assistance Central Government in providing to the State Government to ensure that the steel plants come up quickly;

(c) whether there is a proposal of the Orissa Mining Corporation to develop

modern iron ore mines in collaboration with RTZ of U.K. with a view to provide iron ore to the new steel plants in Orissa;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Central Government to provide clearance so that this project comes in time?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) According to the available information 12 proposals have been submitted to the State Government of Orissa to set up steel plants in the State. The total envisaged capacity of the proposed units is 18.1 million tonne per annum.

(b) The Central Government provides assistance in the form of (i) linkages for raw-material, rail transport and ports; (ii) approval of foreign technology agreements and foreign direct investments where required, (iii) assistance to investors in sorting out their problems it any with All India Financial Institutions for grant of financial assistance; (iv) approval of proposals for import of capital goods under EPCG Scheme and project import regulations; etc.

(c) to (e) A joint venture Company has been incorporated between PTZ-CRA Group, U.K. and Orissa Mining Corporation with foreign equity participation amounting to US $ 1.8 million initially to be increased upto US $ 11 million over the next three years, to undertake development of iron ore mines at Gandhamardan and Mallangtoli in the State of Orissa. The approval at this stage is only for conducting feasibility studies of the proposed Joint Venture including studies on the development of infrastructure relating to port and railway facilities.

थोक मूल्य सूचकांक और उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक

38. **प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा:** क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे:

(क) सरकार के पास उपलब्ध थोक मूल्य सूचकांक और उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक के नवीनतम आंकड़े किस तिथि पर आधारित हैं और ये सूचकांक क्या-क्या हैं;

(ख) पिछले वर्ष उक्त तिथि को ये सूचकांक क्या-क्या थे और उनमें कितने-कितने प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई है;

(ग) मूल्यों में हुई वृद्धि के क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) मूल्य-वृद्धि को रोकने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?

खाद्य मंत्री और नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री देवेन्द्र प्रसाद यादव): (क) और (ख) 6 नवीनतम थोक मूल्य सूचकांक 1.2.1997 को समाप्त हुए सप्ताह तक का और उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक दिसम्बर, 1996 के महीने का उपलब्ध है। इन सूचकांकों तथा गत वर्ष की तुलना में उनमें आया तदुनरुपी उतार-चढ़ाव का विवरण नीचे दिया गया है:—

थोक मूल्य सूचकांक

	1.2.1997	3.2.1996	प्रतिशत उतार-चढ़ाव
समस्त वस्तुएं	320.6	297.6	7.7

उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक

	दिसम्बर, 1996	दिसम्बर, 1995	प्रतिशत उतार-चढ़ाव
सामान्य सूचकांक	350	317	10.4